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SUBJECT:BRITISH VESSEL SS PEISANDER - DEATH SENTENCE TWO
HONG KONG CREWMEN

REF; A. HONG KONG 8671; B. TAIPEI 4847

1. DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED THAT UNLESS EMBASSY HAS OVER-
RIDING OBJECTION, WE SHOULD ACCEDE TO UK REQUEST TO PASS
MESSAGE FROM HMG TO GROC REQUESTING THAT DEATH SENTENCES
OF TWO HONG KONG RESIDENTS BE COMMUTED. HMG HAS PROVIDED
DEPARTMENT WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF ITS POSITION WHICH
EMBASSY SHOULD USE AS BASIS OF ORAL RPT ORAL REPRESENTATION
TO MOFA: QUOTE: THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED AT
THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON TWO SEAMEN RESIDENT IN HONG
KONG AND EMPLOYED BY A BRITISH SHIPPING LINE, AND THEY HOPE,
DESPITE THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE CRIMES, THAT, ON GENERAL
HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, THE DEATH SENTENCES CAN BE COMMUTED.

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END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY OFFICER WHO MAKES REPRESENTATION SHOULD MAKE IT
CLEAR TO MOFA THAT USG IS MERELY ACTING AS A CONDUIT IN
TRANSMITTING THIS MESSAGE; IT TAKES NO POSITION ON THE CON-
TENT OF THE MESSAGE ITSELF. KISSINGER

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